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John William Bill Percy Fairclough
By email

14/10/2025
Our reference: GDPR SAR 25.84

Dear John,

UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) – Subject Access Request (SAR)

We write further to your subject access request (SAR) made on 1 October 2025 under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Our response

Having searched our systems and records, we can confirm that PwC LLP (UK) holds personal data related to you that falls within the scope of your request. Enclosed with this letter, please find:

1. Pursuant to Article 15(1) of UK GDPR, other supplementary information about the processing of your personal data by PwC LLP (UK); and

2. The information we hold in scope of your request.

Please note that, due to the time elapsed since your employment with PwC UK, our searches resulted in limited information. In particular, in line with our Retention Policy. all staff-related records are retained for 7 years following the end of employment.

Where applicable, redactions have been made in accordance with data protection legislation, including relevant exemptions.

Third party data

In line with Article 15(4) of the UK GDPR and Schedule 2, Part 3 of the DPA 2018, we have redacted/withheld the personal data related to other individuals.

Please note that we do not apply a blanket policy of withholding third party personal data but instead take decisions on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, you may note that some documents have been provided in full even though they include third party personal data.

No further redactions or exemptions have been applied.

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Yours sincerely,

Privacy Team

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Data Subject Access Request (DSAR) – Supplementary Information

Article 15(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation 2016 ('UK GDPR') entitles a data subject (you) to supplementary information about the processing of their personal data by a data controller (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (the UK firm), a limited liability partnership having the partnership details and registered address set out in our letterhead below ("PwC", "we", or "us")). In accordance with this, please find the relevant information as follows:

The purposes of the processing *(Article 15(1)(a) UK GDPR)*

PwC processes your personal data in connection with your role with us as an employee.

We only collect and use personal data where we have a lawful basis to do so, which will usually be where it is necessary for the purpose of fulfilling a contract or agreement with you, to comply with a legal, regulatory or professional obligation, or for legitimate interests pursued by us.

The categories of personal data concerned (Article 15(1)(b) UK GDPR)

PwC processes categories of personal data in relation to the above purposes, including:

- basic information about you (e.g. name, gender, date of birth and contact details);
- government and other identifiers (e.g. passport, NI number, tax reference number);
- business contact details (e.g. mobile number and email address);
- internal identifiers and system log in details (such as GUID ID,staff ID and passwords to access PwC IT Facilities);
- photographs, images, recordings, and reproductions of your voice, likeness or image (e.g. on ID cards, security systems, profiles and CCTV);
- employment/partner admission, administrative and performance management related information (e.g. job applications, background screening and confidential references, qualifications, training, skills and languages, job title, grade and responsibilities, client and stakeholder feedback, timesheet records, expense claims data (including PwC credit card data), payroll and benefits information, holiday and absence records, appraisals and performance records, grievance and disciplinary records; criminal convictions and offences);
- compliance related data (e.g. fit and proper records, including civil or disciplinary proceedings, investments and other financial interests, details of business and family relationships);
- Social mobility data (e.g. household occupations, school type); and
- When required or permitted by law or with your explicit consent, we may collect data classified as "special category" personal data. This includes information relating to your health, racial or ethnic origin, any criminal proceedings, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, community background, sexual orientation or biometric data.
- Personal data created, inferred or derived from your use of PwC IT Facilities and premises.

The recipients or categories of recipient to whom the personal data have been or will be disclosed, in particular recipients in third countries or international organisations, and the appropriate safeguards relating to the transfer (Article 15(1)(c) and 15(2) UK GDPR)

We only share personal data with others when we are legally permitted to do so. When this occurs, we ensure appropriate contractual arrangements and security mechanisms are in place to protect the personal data, and comply with our data protection, confidentiality and security standards.

PwC may share your personal data with some or all of the following recipients, as applicable:

- Other PwC member firms;
- Choices benefits and pensions providers;
- Medical and occupational health providers;
- Partner loan providers;

- Clients, potential clients and other business contacts;
- Suppliers and potential suppliers;
- Current or potential alliance and partners involved in the management of PwC's business;
- Providers of applications, functionality, data processing or IT and other services;
- Auditors, insurers and professional advisors;
- Other organisations in connection with an actual or potential sale, transfer, disposal, merger or restructure; Travel providers;
- Insurance brokers and claims handling providers;
- Corporate credit card providers;
- Law enforcement or other Government and regulatory agencies or to other third parties as required by. And in accordance with, applicable law and regulation.

PwC uses servers and other resources in various countries to process personal data. Personal data may also be transferred to service providers that are not members of the PwC network (e.g. third party service providers) to process on our behalf. Third party service providers may include providers of IT services, including identity management, website hosting and management, data analysis, data back-up, training providers, security and storage services, and any third party services providers they use in their operations. These third parties generally act as our processors.

We will only share personal data with others when we are legally permitted to do so, and only when there are contractual arrangements and security mechanisms in place to protect the data, sufficient to comply with our data protection, confidentiality and security standards. Where the locations of processing are outside of the UK in non-adequate countries, we adopt the European Commission approved standard contractual clauses as supplemented by the UK International Data Transfers Addendum to provide appropriate safeguards for personal data and carry out appropriate transfer risk assessments where required by applicable law.

The envisaged period for which the personal data will be stored, or the criteria used to determine that period (Article 15(1)(d) UK GDPR)

We retain the personal data processed for as long as is considered necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, including as required by applicable law or regulation. In the absence of specific legal, regulatory or contractual requirements, our baseline retention period for employee records is seven years after termination of your role with PwC.

Where personal data is processed in connection with a successful recruitment activity, we will retain it as part of your employee record.

In some instances, personal data may be held for shorter or longer periods in line with our retention schedule or where required by law or regulation, and in order to establish, exercise or defend our legal rights.

The right to request rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing of personal data or to object to such processing (Article 15(1)(e) UK GDPR)

You have rights in relation to the processing of your personal data by PwC. These rights include:

- Right to rectification: to ask for your personal data to be amended or rectified where it is inaccurate (for example, if you change your name or address) and to have incomplete personal data completed.;
- Right to erasure: to request the deletion of personal data in certain circumstances, such as where it is no longer necessary and where there is no lawful basis to continue processing it;
- Right to restriction: to restrict our processing of your personal data in certain circumstances, such as where its accuracy is in question or where the legitimate grounds to process your personal data should be reviewed;
- Right to object: to object to our processing of your personal data where our lawful basis is for legitimate interests pursued by us, or concerns direct marketing purposes.

The right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority (Article 15(1)(f) UK GDPR)

We hope that you won't ever need to, but if you have any concerns, or wish to complain about our use of personal data, or you wish to explore your rights, please send us an email outlining your concerns or queries at UK_privacy @pwc.com

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the relevant data protection supervisory authority. The Information Commissioner's Office ("ICO") is the UK data protection regulator/supervisory authority. For further information and how to contact the ICO, please refer to www.ico.org.uk.

Where the personal data are not collected from the data subject, any available information as to their source (Article 15(1)(g) UK GDPR)

There may be some occasions where PwC has obtained your personal data from sources other than you. Such instances are likely to be rare, and will only be where we have a lawful basis to do so. It is likely to be evident where the personal data has been provided to us from other sources, and who those sources are. Such sources will include some or all of the following:

- Current, previous or prospective employers, or other referees;
- Third parties in connection with employment screening (e.g. credit reference agencies);
- Other PwC member firms;
- Clients, potential clients and other business contacts;
- Current or potential alliance and business partners or others involved in the management of PwC's business;
- Providers of applications, functionality, data processing or IT and other services;
- Law enforcement or other Government and regulatory bodies.
- Educational and examination bodies.

The existence of automated decision-making, including profiling and meaningful information about the logic involved as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing for the data subject (Article 15(1)(h) UK GDPR)

PwC does not undertake any wholly automated decision-making or wholly automated profiling processes, in relation to personal data.

Further information

Full details of how and why PwC collect and use personal data is available online, at https://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/privacy-statement.html.

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Chairman

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State/Province	Surrey
Closest Office Region	London
Closest Office Location	London Embankment Place

Career

Current Job Title	Chairman
Job Level	Chairman
Current Company	FaireSansDire

Alumni details

Last Line of Service	Internal Firm Services
Last Department	Other - Historical BU's
Last Office	Global
Last Territory	United Kingdom
Leaving Grade	Manager
Joining Date	01/09/1969
Leaving Date	01/06/1983
Network Legacy Firms	C&L
Past Alumni Territories	Bahamas; Canada; United States of America

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Bill Fairclough

From 1969 to 1983 Bill Fairclough was employed by Cooper Brothers and Coopers & Lybrand working in their offices in Newcastle upon Tyne, Middlesbrough, London, Nassau (Bahamas), Miami and New York. (Cooper Brothers' Newcastle practice adopted the name Coopers & Lybrand a while after Cooper Brothers merged with Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery.) Thereafter Bill worked in the regulated international financial services sector, inter alia, as a Vice President in Citigroup and as a Director in the Reuters and Barclays Bank groups. Throughout much of his career, Bill also undertook covert assignments specialising in infiltration and investigatory operations for British and other intelligence agencies.

What are you up to now?

In November 2022 I finally retired as Non-Executive Chairman for FaireSansDire which has now ceased trading. I established it in 1978 with "a little help from my friends". It was a niche UK based intelligence organisation which in its latter years operated on a pro bono basis. It was an unusual loose knit association and its members, called associates, used to operate on the basis of mutual trust as they had no contractual ties with the organisation thereby pre-empting most sorts of potential conflicts of interest, breaches of contracts et al.

When I worked at Coopers I was told that on occasion at least one partner was made aware on a classified "need to know basis" that I undertook clandestine work for British intelligence. For certain operations I was involved in that would have made sense. Those arrangements were never explained to me, and I was never told the names of the partners involved. Mind you, as I learnt at both Citigroup and Barclays, it is not unusual for the security services (not just in the UK) to seek the cooperation of leading global businesses when necessary.

In FaireSansDire's heyday our associates typically came from military intelligence, law enforcement or legal backgrounds and even included some judges. Over the decades these associates covertly represented FaireSansDire in over one hundred territories and the mainstay of FaireSansDire's activities was the investigation and infiltration of corrupt governments and international organised crime. My experience and training at Coopers in "all things audit" stood me in good stead to head up investigations into corruption et al.

Now that I am retired I will focus on preparing and finalising The Burlington Files series of spy novels with a view to making films based on them. The series comprises six autobiographical novels of which Beyond Enkription (intentionally misspelt) is the only novel published to date. It's a stand-alone thriller based on my real life experiences in the seventies in London, Nassau and Port au Prince pursuant to infiltrating an international organised crime gang while unwittingly working for MI6. In The Burlington Files series the pseudonym Porter Williams is used for Coopers and that of Edward Burlington for me.

What are your passions, and how have they impacted the direction of your career?

I am passionate about promoting integrity, honesty, accountability and transparency amongst politicians and responsible officials. Sadly, of late, I seem to be increasingly swimming against the tide along with King Canute! These values and a hunger for the truth were instilled into me by my parents, by my teachers at Red House School Stockton-on-Tees and St Peter's School York, and not least by colleagues and partners whom I worked with in Coopers. In hindsight I am glad I rigidly adhered to these principles notwithstanding the hidden costs of so doing including the unpleasant consequences of making powerful and perilous enemies who have demonstrated they would stop at nothing to try and silence me forever.

Who has been the greatest influence on you during your career?

(1) Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE (Coldstream Guards and British Intelligence (MI5/6)) with whom I worked in the seventies and eighties and who along with Barrie Northend Parkes BEM (British Intelligence) helped me establish FaireSansDire. Barrie headed up my security for three decades until 2001 and was best man at my second wedding in 1996.

(2) From my days up North when at Cooper Brothers, Miles, Stanley and Trevor Middleton helped shape my future and when down South working in Coopers & Lybrand the same could be said of Sir Brandon Gough and Sir Brian Jenkins (who was a regular customer of my father's antiquarian book business).
(3) My father Dr Richard Fairclough (an executive at both Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) and British Intelligence (MI1)) originally suggested I should work for Coopers. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. The former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan knew my father and held him in high regard too.

What is your fondest memory of your time at PwC?

Many fond memories spring to mind. In the seventies I worked in Coopers & Lybrand's Technical Department along with Keith Robinson and Peter Locke. One of our many challenging duties included advising partners how to deal with bizarre situations which explains why there were frequent peals of cacophonous laughter resonating from our offices in Abacus House, Gutter Lane. I recall on one occasion the partner responsible for the Church of England audit asked us whether he should qualify the church's accounts on a going concern basis. After familiarising ourselves with blasphemy law and much hilarious debate we said "no". Time has proven it was the right decision.

In the mid-seventies Coopers & Lybrand established its first International Executive Committee. Brandon Gough, being the CEO of the international firm of Coopers & Lybrand at the time, chaired the committee and appointed me as its first Secretary. The inaugural meeting was held at the Jockey Club in Miami. Senior partners attending brought along their wives, Brandon being accompanied by his wife Sarah. The three of us checked into the Jockey Club together. The Club manager first showed us around the suite assigned for the Goughs. He then handed me the door key and addressing Brandon directly said "I'll take you to your suite now."

In the late nineties I had invited some PwC partners to a rare celebratory lunch at Simpsons in The Strand, a restaurant coincidentally steeped in espionage history. One of the partners in attendance, being incredibly sharp eared for someone who I believe was ex-army, overheard one of the managers addressing me by an unfamiliar name. At the end of the lunch the partner with golden ears discreetly asked me whom should he thank for the wonderful lunch, Mr X or Mr Fairclough.

Finally, I will never forget this anecdote. Near the time of the formation of Coopers & Lybrand, Cooper Brothers' prospective US and Canadian partners requested that Cooper Brothers change the address of their head office in Abacus House in "Gutter Lane, Cheapside" on the grounds that it would not impress their clients. Accordingly, Sir Henry Benson (the head of Cooper Brothers at the time) wrote to the Corporation of London (the City) requesting the lane be renamed Coopers Lane. They replied saying as we've been here longer than Coopers why don't you change your name to Gutter Brothers. It is rumoured that some years later when the Corporation was auctioning off old street signs, Coopers & Lybrand bought that of Gutter Lane.

Are you still in touch with any of your former colleagues?

Two types of former PwC colleagues spring to mind: my colleagues when I was at Coopers and those I knew as auditors when I worked for PwC clients such as Barclays Bank. I used to meet both types socially but sadly I am no longer in touch with that many as most I knew well have either passed on or are no longer in contact, but I remain contactable through social media.

What did you learn during your time at PwC that you still keep with you today?

No matter what you are checking always assess its accuracy, validity and completeness. In addition, never forget that "the devil is in the detail"; that adage seems to have become exponentially more pertinent of late.

What do you value most about the alumni network?

It's reassuring to know that partners and staff in PwC still care about the past and those who worked in PwC long ago. I do hope my somewhat maverick career path inspires others to become accountants. They can take it from me, it's not boring!

What three people would you invite to a dinner party?

Most likely some of those named above who influenced me most. I would ask them to explain what they knew that they never told me. However, if my choice were restricted to those living today I would invite Donald Trump, Richard Moore (MI6 Chief) and William Burns (Director of the CIA) to discuss truth and politics.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Miami Beach and the Caribbean albeit I have been advised not to visit some of my favourite spots in the Bahamas, the Turks & Caicos Islands and Haiti where I used to work with Coopers & Lybrand. All three territories (airspace included) are best currently avoided by me because of what is now in the public domain about my involvement in investigating allegations of governmental corruption and organised crime; similar considerations apply to quite a few other countries.

What would be your motto?

For almost fifty years our motto at FaireSansDire was "Assume nothing, Believe nobody, Check everything" (ABC). Applying it has saved my life more than once. Furthermore, we have a family motto, "Faire sans dire", which translated means "To do without saying".

What have your learnings from lockdown been?

Be wary of taking things for granted including good health and be flexible, open minded and careful when planning ahead. Why? More tales of the unexpected are likely to unfold after Covid-19 and the Russo-Ukrainian war, both of which may still have a long way to go.

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Outlook

Re: Bill Fairclough profile

From
Date Thu 09/05/2024 12:59 PM
To

I agree

On Thu, 9 May 2024 at 12:54, wrote:

> I don't think it would be a sensible choice to profile him - as interesting as his life is, it could be embellished and drawing attention to his spy career seems like it could open a door to reputational damage if picked up.
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> Thanks

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On Thu, 9 May 2024 at 12:45,
wrote:

Thanks - just to be clear we are not covering him?

I think this is correct - there is a lot of information (especially if you click through to the website)

On Thu, 9 May 2024 at 11:56, wrote:

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From:
Date: Fri, 19 Apr 2024 at 23:39
Subject: Bill Fairclough profile
To:

Hi

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Attached is Bill Fairclough's profile - I'll leave it up to you if you decide to share with and feature in the 175 years celebration.

Thanks,

From: <jwpfairclough
Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2023 at 19:00
Subject: RE: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter
To: Diwa Sharma (UK) <diwa.sharma@pwc.com>
Cc: Emma Charlesworth (UK <emma.charlesworth@pwc.com>, Natalie Rowe (UK) <natalie.j.rowe@pwc.com>

Dear Diwa

Thanks for your forthright email. In expectation of your future publication at a later date I will not publish anything based on the final draft (copy attached again) that I sent you.

In the event I am unable to assist you at the time of publication in dealing with my article I hereby authorise to act on my behalf in helping you publish the article and have copied him in on this correspondence such that you may contact him if necessary. As indicated before though, I do hope the article is published in my life time.

I understand that publishing an article as drafted about my life is not necessarily straightforward from PwC's perspective. Nevertheless, where there is a will there is a way and PwC are welcome to include an appropriate caveat and of course suggest whatever edits perceived appropriate including removing names or whatever.

If I was in PwC's shoes I would probably have added a caveat along the lines of "Bearing In mind the unusual scope and nature of Bill Fairclough's activities, PwC wishes to emphasise that activities such as those undertaken by Bill while working at Coopers & Lybrand in the

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1970s would nowadays be inconsistent with PwC's standard employment terms and conditions." I hope that helps. Best wishes – Bill

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From: Diwa Sharma (UK) <diwa.sharma@pwc.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 3:58 PM
To: jwpfairclough@
Cc: Emma Charlesworth (UK <emma.charlesworth@pwc.com>; Natalie Rowe (UK) <natalie.j.rowe@pwc.com>
Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your email.

You are correct, and we did reach out to you last year. We're in the process of finding the right place for this to be published. However, we do generally have offers of more content than we can accommodate.

We'll be back in touch when the timing is right.

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Thank you again, we really appreciate you spending the time to share your story with us.

All the best,

Diwa

On Fri, 10 Feb 2023 at 10:51, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> Dear Diwa
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> Thank you for your email. Just in case you have forgotten our earlier correspondence, you contacted me by email out of the blue so to speak on 30 May 2022 asking me to showcase my story. That email is attached.
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> As we put so much effort into drafting the article we may publish it one way or another on one of our websites. I do hope you and your colleagues enjoy the films based on The Burlington Files series once they are released.
>
> Best wishes – Bill
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From: Diwa Sharma (UK) <diwa.sharma@pwc.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 9:11 AM
To: jwpfairclough
Cc: Emma Charlesworth (UK <emma.charlesworth@pwc.com>; Natalie Rowe (UK) <natalie.j.rowe@pwc.com>
Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

Dear Bill, happy new year to you also - I hope this email finds you well.

My apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Thank you for sending us your very interesting and unusual memoire from your career. We have discussed with our Partner Office and colleagues in our Corporate Affairs office to find the right place for this to be published. However, we do generally have offers of more content than we can accommodate.

We really appreciate you spending the time to share your story with us.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend when it comes.

Diwa

On Thu, 2 Feb 2023 at 11:33, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> **"Where there's a will, there's a way"**
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> Diwa – Happy new year to you and all your colleagues. I note that just over two months has elapsed since you last wrote saying you would respond soon with an update. I look forward to hearing from you accordingly. If you want me to make any changes to the revised draft (copy attached) I sent you on 1 December 2022 do let me know. Best wishes – Bill
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> **Bill Fairclough Website https://theburlingtonfiles.org**

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From: Diwa Sharma (UK) <diwa.sharma@pwc.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 12:54 PM
To: jwpfairclough
Cc: Emma Charlesworth (UK <emma.charlesworth@pwc.com>; Natalie Rowe (UK) <natalie.j.rowe@pwc.com>
Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

Thank you so much for sharing Bill. We will respond with an update soon.

Warm wishes.

Diwa

On Thu, 1 Dec 2022 at 12:44, <jwpfairclough, wrote:

> Dear Diwa
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> Thanks so much for getting back to me so promptly and your kind wishes. I understand that you have to go through your approval processes and I look forward to hearing from you in due course. As already indicated, there should be no problems modifying the draft article to your satisfaction if necessary. I attach a revised draft which takes into account my changed circumstances and that should make it less contentious to publish because FaireSansDire is no longer active.
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> The poet George Herbert, known as the "most glorious saint and seer" was obviously thinking about all this in 1640 when he wrote "To him that will, ways are not wanting". Being a seer, he must have foresaw that his words of wisdom would be transformed into "Where there's a will, there's a way" by the 1820s and two centuries later referred to by PwC as the "New equation"!
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> Best wishes – Bill
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Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

Dear Bill,

Thank you for getting in touch - it's lovely to hear from you.

We are really sorry to hear that you are unwell - we send you our warm wishes.

Regarding your story, we do have to follow an approval process regarding publishing any external communications or articles as well as considering that the story featured aligns to the newsletter theme for the given quarter.

We will come back to you as soon as we can.

Warm regards,

Diwa

On Tue, 29 Nov 2022 at 12:14, <jwpfairclough@btinternet.com> wrote:

> Dear Diwa
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> I trust all has gone and goes well for you since we were last in contact. Since then I have retired (inter alia as a result of health issues) and I will therefore need to make a few consequential minor changes to the draft of the article about my story dated 26 June 2022. I was recently chatting with some of my friends about the postponement of the publication of my story. They didn't understand your stated rationale for postponing publication and I must admit that on reflection neither did I. After all, in my article there is no mention of or allusion to the war in Ukraine let alone Russia, the USSR or the current environment. In any event, my circumstances are now significantly different because I am now retired.

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Perhaps you could reconsider the timing of publication and publish at the earliest opportunity? Given the health issues facing me, I would prefer to see the article published in my lifetime. Once a new publication deadline has been set, I can send you a further update of the article. However, if you still prefer to postpone publication maybe you could kindly explain why and we can discuss that. There must be so many ways to resolve any supposed showstoppers simply by redrafting the article by, for example, removing a name or whatever. To quote PwC's "New Equation", as "a community of solvers coming together in different ways" I am confident that we must be able to address and eliminate all supposed showstoppers reasonably effortlessly!

I look forward to seeing your reply. If you and/or your colleagues would like to talk about this I will make myself available at a time convenient for you all to have a chat on the phone. If you prefer I can always meet you any time in one of your London offices for that chat. Best wishes – Bill

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To: jwpfaircloug'
Cc: Emma Charlesworth (UK <emma.charlesworth@pwc.com>; Natalie Rowe (UK) <natalie.j.rowe@pwc.com>
Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill Fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

Dear Bill, hope you are keeping well and wishing you a happy Friday.

I'm sorry to let you know that we're unable to feature your story in the latest alumni newsletter due to the current environment, and the war in Ukraine and so the espionage focus doesn't feel quite right to include this time. We did enjoy reading it and it sounds like you have and have led a very interesting life!

We have saved your story on file and so have it to refer to for future newsletters when the time is right. When that time comes we would love to be able to contact you again for your involvement.

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend - thank you again for being so generous with your time for this spotlight alumni interview.

Diwa

On Sun, 26 Jun 2022 at 18:55, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> **Diwa – As we approach the final week for comments I thought I'd send you what are hopefully my last changes. The attachments include the final document in Word/PDF formats plus a PDF showing the changes from the previous (19 June) version I sent you; only two paragraphs have changed. The lesson from this is that whatever time an author is given to edit in, he/she won't stop editing until the deadline! I look forward to receiving your final version and signing off on this publication. Best wishes – Bill**
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From: jwpfairclough
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Subject: RE: Showcase your story - Bill fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

> **Diwa – Many thanks for your swift response. Your timetable works for me. Wishing you a cool weekend! Best wishes – Bill**
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Hi Bill, it's nice to hear from you - it certainly is a scorcher today! Thank goodness for iced coffees :) hope you are keeping cool too.

We are currently drafting the summer alumni newsletter and from next week it'll begin going through internal sign off processes. Most likely, we will be getting in touch with you next week or week commencing 27 June for final sign off on your article.

The newsletter will be shared with all alumni on Friday 15 July.

Hope this helps, appreciate your contribution to this summer's edition.

Diwa

On Fri, 17 Jun 2022 at 14:50, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> **Diwa – Hope all is well. I forgot to ask before, but could you please explain the timetable from now until publication so as I can make sure I am "on line" when required? I hope you have aircon in your offices! Best wishes – Bill**

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Diwa – Herewith ahead of your deadline my final draft (in identical Word and PDF documents) formatted/structured in your style. I have made a few more minor changes in the hope that they make it more interesting. There should be no more changes from me subject to agreeing any changes you propose. I have assumed

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you do not want any web-links included in the article. If you allowed such then you might care to think about adding the following sentence at the end of the article: If you are interested in reading more about Bill Fairclough, FaireSansDire, Beyond Enkription and The Burlington Files please visit https://theburlingtonfiles.org. **Best wishes – Bill**

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Subject: Re: Showcase your story - Bill fairclough - summer alumni newsletter

That's very kind of you thank you and noted. Wishing you a wonderful long weekend also.

Speak again soon,

Diwa

On Wed, 1 Jun 2022 at 14:13, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> **Diwa – I have had a chance to review and update my first draft so I attach identical Word and PDF versions (in the style and structure you use for alumni profiles) to replace my earlier submission. I have also drafted a short introductory piece which I do hope is of help. The draft is no longer than some of the recent alumni profiles you have published. I look forward to seeing your version. If you have any queries it's best to contact me by email first. Hope the long weekend goes well for all of you – best wishes – Bill**
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Subject: RE: FW: Showcase your story - summer alumni newsletter

Diwa – That's great thank you. Unless advised to the contrary by you, I will hold fire on any proposed amendments/improvements until you send me the draft. Until then, I hope you all enjoy the coming long Jubilee weekend. Best wishes – Bill

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Subject: Re: FW: Showcase your story - summer alumni newsletter

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Hi Bill, thank you so much for your ever so timely response and we're excited to be able to feature you in the upcoming newsletter.

To answer your question, absolutely you will have a chance to see the article in draft before it is shared with the alumni network. This will be over the coming weeks.

Wishing you a wonderful evening.

Diwa

On Mon, 30 May 2022 at 16:12, <jwpfairclough wrote:

> **Diwa – Per my call a few minutes ago, in answering your questions I was not sure how much to say given I don't know how you are introducing me in the article. Maybe you could send me a draft of what you are saying about me in the introductory text and if necessary I can update my initial response where I think it would make it more interesting etc. All the best – Bill**
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> **PS Best to email me if trying to make contact over the next week or so as I may be overseas intermittently.**
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Subject: RE: Showcase your story - summer alumni newsletter

Diwa – Thanks for your email. I have replied to you in detail by annotating your questions below.

I am happy for you to publish an article about me in your summer alumni newsletter. If you are in need of anything else just ask me or read the detailed biography at https://everipedia.org/wiki/lang_en/bill-fairclough which I can confirm is accurate, valid and comprehensive. By the way, I started at Cooper Brothers in 1969 not 1963. I have attached a recent photograph of myself and a collage of myself through the decades which we have used for publicising The Burlington Files. The collage might be better to use as those I worked with might more easily recognise me (!) either when I was at Coopers in the sixties/eighties or when I was a PwC client later (as in Barclays for example).

For your information, The Burlington Files series comprises six autobiographical novels based on my life, only one of which, Beyond Enkription, has been published to date. If you need more material on The Burlington Files best visit https://theburlingtonfiles.org.

I have one question. Will I be able to view the article before it is published? It's not essential but it might be advisable. I look forward to hearing from you. All the best – Bill

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Subject: Showcase your story - summer alumni newsletter

Hi Bill, I hope you are well. **Yes thank you!**

We would really like to feature you in the upcoming summer edition alumni newsletter. **OK, no problem.**

Would you mind telling us more about yourself by completing the questions below? I do hope that I have input your legacy firm and years with us correctly. **Years should be 1969/83.**

Additionally, could you kindly share a photo of yourself? **Please see attached.**

The questions are as follow:

Name: Bill Fairclough
(**Legacy firm, employment years** eg. 2006 - 2011): Coopers & Lybrand **1969-1983**
Current Job title:

Officially retired but I still act occasionally as the Non-Executive Chairman of FaireSansDire.
Current Company:

FaireSansDire, which is a niche UK based intelligence organisation with global reach, established in 1978 and now operating only on a pro bono basis.
What are you up to now...

I still act occasionally as Non-Executive Chairman for FaireSansDire (increasingly so post 24 February 2022). Otherwise I have retired apart from dealing with devotees of The Burlington Files.

What does a typical day (or week) look like for you?

Typically, if not overseas and ignoring private matters, I deal with social media issues relating to The Burlington Files in the morning

and matters relating to FaireSansDire thereafter (because of time zone differences).

What are your passions, and how have they impacted the direction of your career?

I am passionate about integrity, honesty and transparency particularly amongst politicians and responsible officials; of late, metaphorically speaking I empathise with King Canute! These values were especially instilled into me at my prep school and at Coopers. In hindsight I am glad I adhered to them rigidly notwithstanding the unpleasant consequences of making powerful enemies on occasion.

Who has been the greatest influence on you during your career?

Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE (Coldstream Guards & British Intelligence (MI5/6)); Sir Brandon Gough (CEO Coopers & Lybrand); and my father Dr Richard Fairclough (ICI Executive & British Intelligence (MI1)).

What is your fondest memory of your time at PwC?

A couple of hilarious occasions spring to mind. Calling over British Telecoms audited accounts with Neil Ritchie (an audit manager at the time); we just couldn't stop laughing as we switched accents to stay awake ... and no errors were picked up afterwards. Another occasion full of boisterous laughter was when there was a debate in Cooper's Technical Department (where I worked with Keith Robinson and Peter Locke) as to whether or not we should advise the audit partner responsible for the Church of England audit to qualify its accounts on a going concern basis. Given it had weathered many superior storms over many centuries we did not recommend qualification of its accounts but the peals of laughter on that and similar occasions still resonate with me and no doubt many others who worked on the same floor as us in Abacus House!

Are you still in touch with any of your former colleagues?

Sadly not that many as most I knew well have either passed on or are no longer in contact.

What did you learn during your time at PwC that you still keep with you today?

When checking anything always assess its accuracy, validity and completeness.

What do you value most about the alumni network?

It's reassuring to know the past is still a valuable contributory factor to the future.

What three people would you invite to a dinner party?

Most likely those three named above who influenced me most to explain to me what they knew that they never told me.

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Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Miami Beach and the Caribbean albeit some of my favourite spots such as Nassau, Grand Turk and Port au Prince where I used to work with Coopers are best currently avoided by me (airspace included) given what is now in the public domain about my involvement in investigating allegations of political corruption and organised crime in those territories.

What would be your motto?

Our motto at FaireSansDire has been Assume nothing, Believe nobody, Check everything.

What have your learnings from lockdown been?

Be flexible, open minded and careful when planning ahead for anything ... as not only Covid-19 proved but also as the Ukraine/Russian war is now underscoring.

It would be great to have your story returned to us by Friday 10 June, I hope that is possible.

If you have any questions for us in the meantime, please feel you can ask.

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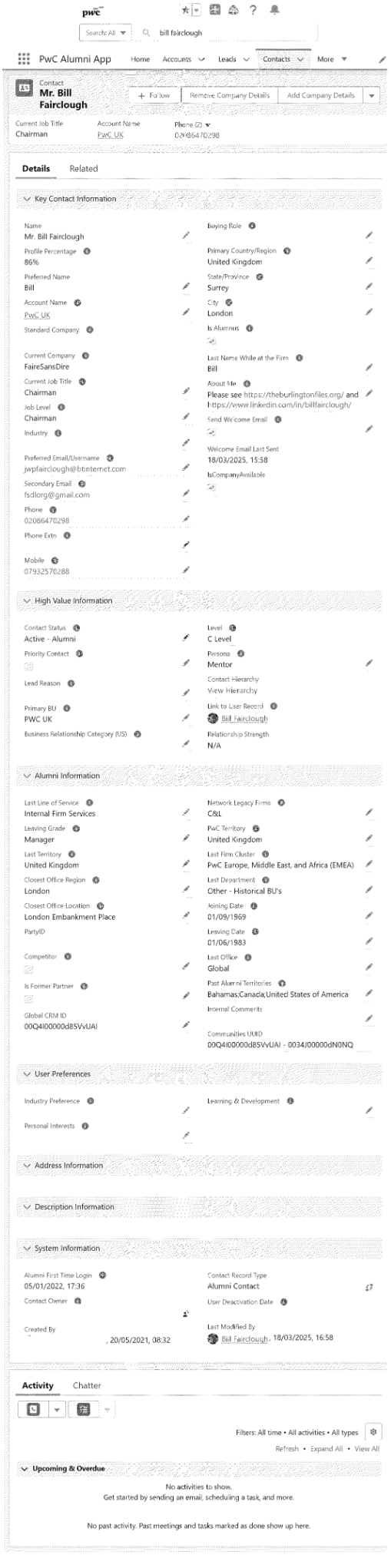
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